Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know what is the reasonable time for submitting such an estimate by the Chief Engineer.

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Sir, I submit it is a matter of opinion.

President: That depends upon the nature of the work.

Profits from the Perumpavur Munsiff's Court.

16. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the net profits from the Munsiff's Court at Perumpavur range between Rs. 14,000 and Rs. 20,000 per annum?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The net profits for five years from 1105 to 1109 ranged between Rs. 17,930 and Rs. 24,836.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: In view of the answer that the net profits rose from Rs. 17,930 to Rs. 24,836, will the Government be pleased to take up the construction of a new building at an early date?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I have already answered that Government have taken the necessary action in the matter.

Submission of alternative designs by P. W. D. Contractors.

17. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that when tenders are called for P. W. D. Works the contractors are required to submit alternative designs of the proposed work to be done;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that contracts are invariably given to those who submit alternative designs irrespective of the fact that there are other applicants for the same with reduced tenders and competent to work out the same satisfactorily; and

(*c*) whether there are not competent trained hands in the department to prepare clear and proper designs?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: (*a*) No, but are invited to, in certain classes of important works.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: In view of answer to part (*c*), may I ask wherein lies the necessity for ordering designs from the contractors?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: In important works, we invite alternative designs from specialists to take advantage of their expert knowledge.

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